

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A computer system, comprising:
 - an input system that receives a file save command;
 - a rendering system for rendering a file save interface in response to the input system that receives receiving—the file save command, the input system is configured to receive in electronic ink format a property value of a document or file as well as a format policy of the property value on or accessible by the computer system in the file save interface, the format policy regulates a manner of rendering for the property value with regard to machine-generated text or electronic ink;
 - a storage system that stores the property value and format policy of the document or file in electronic ink format; and
 - an ink-access system that allows the operating system to access the stored property value and policy in electronic ink format,wherein the rendering system renders the stored property value in accordance with the format policy electronic ink format as part of a file preview operation, the file preview discloses a limited information portion of the document or file, and ~~wherein~~ the property value in electronic ink format includes an electronic ink filename for the document or file.
- 2-7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented): A computer system according to claim 1, wherein the input system is activated in response to a command from an application program requesting activation of electronic ink input with respect to at least one document or file in the application program.
- 9-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended): A computer system according to claim 1, wherein the input system is further configured to receive from a user a change to the property value ~~in electronic ink format~~ associated with the document or file.

12. (Currently Amended): A computer system according to claim 1, wherein the property value ~~in electronic ink format~~ includes an electronic ink author identification.

13. (Currently Amended): A method, comprising:
receiving a file save command;
displaying a file save interface responsive to receiving the file save command;
receiving in electronic ink format in the file save interface a property value of a document or file on or accessible by a computer ;
storing the property value of the document or file in electronic ink format for a later display on a display-interface in electronic ink format;
providing operating system access to the stored property value in electronic ink format;
~~and~~
obtaining a request to render the stored property value;
determining a format manner upon how to render the stored property value; and
rendering the stored property value in accordance with the determined format manner ~~in electronic ink format~~ as part of a file preview operation, the file preview operation filters information of the document or file such that a portion less than a whole of the document or less than a whole of the file is part of a file preview,
wherein the property value in electronic ink format includes an electronic filename for the document or file.

14-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 13, further comprising:
receiving input from an application program activating an electronic ink input system for receiving the property value in electronic ink format associated with the document or file.

22-23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 13, further including receiving from a user changes to the property value in electronic ink format associated with the document or file.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 13, wherein the property value in electronic ink format includes an electronic ink author identification, and an electronic ink comment.

27-44. (Cancelled)

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising disclosing the file preview in accordance with the policy.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, the file preview includes at least two functions.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, one of the functions includes expanding the file preview into the file.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising disclosing the file preview in accordance with the format manner.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, the file preview includes at least two functions.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, one of the functions includes expanding the file preview into the file or document.

51.-54. (Cancelled)

55. (New) The method of claim 1, the rendering system converts the property value into a machine-generated text when the format policy dictates rendering of the property value should be of a machine-generated text.

56. (New) The method of claim 1, the format policy dictates rendering in a machine-generated text in one instance and rendering in electronic ink format in another instance.

57. (New) The method of claim 1, the rendering system collects a user preference that is used to manipulate the format policy in at least one instance.

58. (New) The method of claim 13, the request originates from a user and includes an appeal for a rendering manner, determining the manner includes evaluating the request to appreciate the appeal concerning how to render the stored property value.

59. (New) The method of claim 58, the appeal is to render the property value in electronic ink format.

60. (New) The method of claim 59, the appeal is to render the property value in machine-generated text.

61. (New) The method of claim 13, the manner is automatically determined.

62. (New) A system, comprising:

means for receiving a file save command;

means for displaying a file save interface responsive to means for receiving the file save command;

means for receiving in electronic ink format in the file save interface a property value of a document or file on or accessible by a computer ;

means for determining a format for retention of the electronic ink format, the format is a first format of electronic ink format or a second format of machine-generated format;

means for storing the property value of the document or file in the determined format for a later display on a display-interface in electronic ink format and retaining metadata pertaining to conversion of the format to the first format if saved in the second format or conversion of the format to the second format if saved in the first format;

means for providing operating system access to the stored property value;

means for obtaining a request to render the stored property value;

means for establishing a format upon how to render the stored property value based upon the request;

means for determining if the established format is the same as the saved format and converting the format upon a negative determination; and

means for rendering the stored property value in accordance with the determined format as part of a file preview operation, the file preview operation filters information of the document or file such that a portion less than a whole of the document or less than a whole of the file is part of a file preview, the property value in electronic ink format includes an electronic filename for the document or file.